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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I take this opportunity to express my views regarding your wise decision to end the government's antitrust litigation against Microsoft.

I, too, am a business owner and, as such, have always tried to stay ahead of my competition by utilizing new and unique methods. Some of those methods met with severe criticisms from my competitors, no matter how innocuous to fair and equitable business procedures they were. Competitors always cry 'foul' when they are surpassed by the competition. In essence, that is what I think occurred in this matter.

However, I do believe the giant [Microsoft] did flex its muscle a bit too much. Microsoft did not get out of this dilemma easy. Microsoft has agreed to make available information regarding its internal structure of Windows, which now allows its competitors to compete. I do not understand this reasoning since I would not supply my competitors with any procedure I deem proprietary and beneficial to me.

In conclusion, I think that if the government moves against Microsoft again it will be nothing more than harassment. Who is to say the severe decline in the "tech" section of the economy was not precipitated by the government's legal stance against Microsoft? Our economy now, more than ever, needs stability.

The economy, and the administration, needs to keep Microsoft out of the muck and mire it has been stuck in these past three years. Helping Microsoft weather this storm will be successful in stimulating the economy over a broad span in the future.

Sincerely,

Seymour Beitscher